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BY HAND

Jeff S. Jordan, Esq.
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Re: MUR 0078

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Our firm is counsel to Obama for America and Martin H. Nesbit, as treasurer, in the above-referenced matter. A Designation of Counsel statement to that effect is enclosed with this letter. We write to seek an extension of time in which to respond to the complaint.

Obama for America received the complaint on October 2, 2008, and we understand that its response in this matter would normally be due on October 17, 2008. However, for the reasons described below, we require an additional 60 days to respond to the complaint.

First, the presidential election is in these weeks. Obama for America is the principal campaign committee for Senator Barack Obama, the Democratic nominee for President. Given the proximity to the election, Obama for America does not anticipate having either the time or ability necessary to respond to this baseless complaint.

Second, according to press accounts, the Republican National Committee has filed a complaint against Obama for America that makes the same baseless allegations as the complaint in the above-referenced matter. We have not yet received a copy of the Republican National Committee's complaint. If and when we do receive a copy of such complaint, it is our expectation that the two matters will be consolidated.

Accordingly, we respectfully request a 60-day extension, so that we will be permitted to respond on or before Tuesday, December 16, 2008. We recognize that a 60-day extension requires the

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approval of the Commission. However, given the extenuating circumstances, we believe such an extension is justified.

Please advise us as soon as possible regarding the requested extension. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Robert F. Bauer
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The above-named individual and/or firm is hereby designated as my
counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications
from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

10/16/08
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Respondent/Client Signature

Treasurer
Title

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